

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An exhaust gas control catalyst, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:
 - a base material;
 - a catalyst supporting layer which is formed on a surface of the base material and which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material; and
 - a lower layer which is formed at a portion that is in the base material and that is below the catalyst supporting layer, and which supports a NO_x storage material, wherein a concentration of the NO_x storage material supported by the lower layer is higher than a concentration of the NO_x storage material which is supported by the catalyst supporting layer.
2. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method of an exhaust gas control catalyst, comprising:
 - forming a layer which supports a NO_x storage material in advance in a base material at a surface portion; and
 - forming a catalyst supporting layer which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material on a surface of the lower layer which includes a base material; a catalyst supporting layer which is formed on a surface of the base material and which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material; and a lower layer which is formed at a portion that is in the base material and that is below the catalyst supporting layer, and which supports a NO_x storage material, characterized in that
 - the catalyst supporting layer is formed on a surface of the lower layer which supports the NO_x storage material in advance.

3. (Original) The manufacturing method of the exhaust gas control catalyst according to claim 2, wherein

a concentration of the NO_x storage material supported by the lower layer is higher than a concentration of the NO_x storage material which is supported by the catalyst supporting layer.